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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 394

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A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of John Wilson "J.W."  
Clemmons of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of John Wilson "J.W." Clemmons; and

WHEREAS, A past President of the Civitan Club, Mr. Clemmons was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Telephone Pioneers, J. W. Clemmons served South Central Bell with acumen and alacrity until his retirement, having earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmons was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly defended his country during World War II, receiving a Purple Heart for his service; and

WHEREAS, He was an active and devout member of the Bethel Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, A native of Warren County, J. W. Clemmons was born on September 2, 1912, to the late Pearl Elizabeth Donnell Layne and John Porter Clemmons; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, J. W. Clemmons enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 55 years, Christine Marler Clemmons, and was the proud parent of John Marler Clemmons and Jo Clemmons Smith; and

WHEREAS, He is also survived by five grandchildren: Chris Jewell, Al Clemmons, John Ray Clemmons, Jody Gore, and Clint Smith; two great-grandchildren: Elizabeth James Jewell and Charles Anderson Jewell, Jr.; his sister, Robbie Layne Bryan of Memphis; one daughter-in-law, Kim Clemmons; one son-in-law, Dave Smith, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by a sister, Emma Massey, and a twin brother, James Porter Clemmons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clemmons leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of John Wilson "J.W." Clemmons, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of J. W. Clemmons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.